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Title: "Foam Comprising a Blend of Ethylene/Styrene Interpolymer and Polyethylene"

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

As the above-identified inventors, we hereby declare that:

- 1) Our respective residence and post office address and citizenship is given below.
- 2) We believe that we are the original inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought for the above-entitled invention, the specification of which
  - (a) is attached hereto;
- 3) We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims and any drawings attached thereto.
- 4) We acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations 1.56(a).
- 5) Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119, we hereby claim foreign priority benefits based upon the below-identified foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate:

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- 6) Any corresponding foreign counterpart applications for patent or inventor's certificate which were filed prior to the above-identified priority application are listed below:

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7) We hereby appoint the following attorneys who may be reached at the below-identified address and telephone numbers, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith: John J. Wasatonic, Registration No. 29,984, Mark B. Quatt, Registration No. 30,484; Rupert B. Hurley, Jr., Registration No. 29,313, Thomas C. Lagaly, Registration No. 34,652 and Daniel B. Ruble, Registration No. 40,794.

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8) All statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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